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Sir:

Applicant mailed a Notice of Appeal on April 14, 2006. The date the Notice of Appeal was received at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("Office") was April 18, 2006. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the enclosed Appeal Brief is timely filed within the two month required time period. Applicant believes that no extension of time to file the enclosed Appeal Brief is required.

In the event that the extension of time is deemed necessary for submission of this Appeal Brief, Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for filing an Appeal Brief for the above-identified patent application for one month. Please charge deposit account no. 08-0870, in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 08-0870.

Respectfully submitted,

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